

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

--Disclosed is a sheet supplying apparatus including first and second stacking means and contrived to prevent the apparatus from being upsized and to reduce a manufacturing cost by employing one sheet supplying/separating mechanism in common. The A sheet supplying apparatus has a first stacking means including a first stacking portion stacked with a sheet, a second stacking means portion movable relative to installable in an attachable/detachable manner to and from the first stacking means on an upper side of the first stacking portion, and a separating/supplying means supplying roller used in common to the first and second stacking means portions, for separating and supplying the stacked sheets. The second stacking means includes a base member for installing in the first stacking means, and a second stacking portion movably incorporated into the base member. The second stacking portion is movable between so constructed as to be possible of advancing and retreating. In a retreat position where the second stacking portion retreats[.], so that the sheet can be supplied from the first stacking portion, and, in a possible of supplying a supply position where the second stacking portion advances, so the sheet can be supplied from the second stacking portion.--